

CRIPPLE 3 CRIMINALS GAVE BANK BANDITS

VOTE ON \$875,000 BOND ISSUE TODAY

Budget of \$600,000 to Be Used for Extension of City Sewer System

PLAN TO END FLOODS

Would Spend \$200,000 Upon New Pump and Basin for Settling of Water

SETTLE GARBAGE PROBLEM

Government Type Incinerator Proposed; Fund of \$25,000 for Spavinaw Survey

Tulsa will vote today on the issue of \$875,000 in bonds, virtually all of which is to be spent by the city for the improvement of public conditions. Of the total, \$25,000 is for improvements and addition to the waterworks pump station; \$25,000 for a comprehensive survey of the Spavinaw water project; \$600,000 for the installation of needed sewer extensions and main, and \$50,000 for an incinerating plant and to equip the city to handle trash and garbage efficiently.

The amount needed for waterworks improvements, will, if approved, be spent for additional filter, a new clear water basin, a new big pump, to pay the deficit on the present 12,000-gallon pump, and for other improvements that are necessary if water consumers are to avoid being forced to use water direct from the Arkansas river during the hot summer months when water consumption is greatest. These improvements, it is pointed out by the non-partisan water commission Saturday, will clear water basins, and sewer facilities, allow sufficient pure water to be stored to provide virtually any emergency.

As explained in a statement issued by the water commission Saturday, the \$25,000 is asked as the cost of the Spavinaw project may be determined definitely and so there may be no more guesswork in connection with the possible cost. The commission proposes to place the final figures of the project before the voters before asking them to vote for the issue of bonds and no additional issue will be necessary after the project is started.

Would Stop Sewer Flooding. Virtually every part of the city will be affected by the sewers to be installed. According to City Engineer C. E. Briggs, there are now more than 100 "dead end" sewers in Tulsa that must be extended to the river or to some other point where they can function properly before flooding of certain districts in wet weather can be stopped. This especially applies to the south end of the city, where basements are flooded several times each year, and where two years ago a large house was washed from its foundation and floated a half block away.

City officials believe the new incinerating plant to be installed with money obtained from the bond issue will solve the trash and garbage problems that have been so persistent, and at times disgusting. The issue of \$50,000 is to not only build two standard units that may be added to as the city's population increases, but will also equip the health department with necessary paraphernalia for gathering trash and for disposing of it at the least possible cost. The present incinerator grounds have increased substantially in value since purchased by the city—an increase sufficient in the estimation of some city officials to almost cover the cost of the proposed new incinerating plant. According to Dr. L. C. Preston, city superintendent of health, the incinerating units to be built are of the same type as used by the government and have been proven reliable and inexpensive to operate. Trash is used to burn the garbage, and the odor is said by the builders to be negligible.

Best Garbage Disposal Plant. This is the best method of disposing of garbage that has yet been devised," Dr. Preston said yesterday. The amount to be voted for the project includes enough to provide a large amount of money to be used in the future.

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Swollen Waters Drive Okmulgee People to Boats

By Associated Press State Wire. OKMULGEE, April 25.—At least a hundred families have been driven from their homes by the flood waters of Okmulgee creek, which runs through what was once the business center of the city. The waters of the creek, which empties into Deepfork, have been steadily rising throughout the day and tonight there was little indication of a recession.

The water is rushing through the city in a raging torrent and hastily improvised row, boats are being used to convey persons in the flooded district to safety. Two lumber yards and several jobbing houses have already sustained heavy losses by the flood and thousands of dollars of damage have been done to gardens and growing crops south of the city, where a wide area is completely inundated.

Three and nine-tenths inches of rain fell here from 3 o'clock this morning to 3 o'clock this afternoon.

No far as is known there has been no loss of life, although several persons have had narrow escapes from drowning.

GERMANY'S NOTE FAILS TO ARRIVE

Officials Unable to Explain Delay of Berlin Message to U. S.

HUGHES READY TO ACT

Will at Once Notify Allies if New Proposals Form Basis for Negotiations

WASHINGTON, April 25.—Up to a late hour Monday night the German communication containing the new reparations proposal had not been received at the state department.

The communication was reported to have reached Berlin late last night, and officials were at a loss to explain the delay.

The state department stands prepared to use its efforts in speeding up the decision of the allies as to the acceptability of the new proposals on reparations.

Hughes to Act at Once. As soon as the new German note reaches here, Secretary of State Hughes is expected to communicate with the allies, through diplomatic channels, whether the proposals are acceptable as a basis for new negotiations.

The allied ambassadors in Washington, it is understood, are under instructions which may make it possible for them to reject the proposals if they did not make a substantial advance from the last proposal submitted by the German government. In the event that the proposals forwarded from Berlin last night represent a substantial change in front by the German government, the ambassadors would be authorized to reject the proposals.

Mediator Reports Groundless. In order to correct an impression prevailing in some quarters that the government had endeavored to ascertain from the allied powers their views on whether the United States would be acceptable as a mediating agent, the state department let it become known today that the conference between Secretary Hughes and Ambassador Gerd von Dinterke and Ambassador Gerd von Dinterke was merely for the purpose of informing the French ambassador of the action contemplated by this government.

200 BILLION MARKS OFFERED BY GERMANY. BY THE Associated Press. BERLIN, April 25.—The ultimate total indemnity which Germany agreed to pay the allies is 200,000,000 gold marks, against 225,000,000 demanded by the allies in their Paris terms.

This is positively stated by those close to the government, although the German counter proposals have not been made public here.

Dr. Simons, the foreign secretary, did not present the new proposals to the reichstag today for the reason that there is a paragraph in the note to President Harding suggesting that he feel free to query back for further information any point not clear before submitting the note to the entente.

The Germans suggest making the annuities in the payment of the reparations flexible, dependent upon the recovery of German industries. An international loan is suggested, to be floated immediately.

SOLONS QUICKLY GET UNDER WAY

Appropriation Bills Are Introduced in Both Houses in Day

FOR A QUICK SESSION

Robertson in Message Urges a Brief and Inexpensive Sitting of Assembly

HOUSE MIFFED AT GOVERNOR

'Wolves and Hyenas, Not Convicts' Says Inscription on Ribbons Members Wear

By Associated Press State Wire. OKLAHOMA CITY, April 25.—The Oklahoma legislature, in special session, got under way quickly this afternoon and before adjournment until Tuesday morning both houses had introduced a majority of bills providing for legislation asked by Governor Robertson in his message.

Twenty-three bills introduced in the senate carry a total of approximately \$12,214,914. Twenty-six bills were introduced in the house, carrying total appropriations of \$18,230,000.

The senate was organized with out argument and ready for work within 15 minutes. Senators Harry O. Glasser, Ed. Horace B. Durant, Miami W. M. Pugh, Boise City; Tom Anglin, Holdenville; Joe Fleming, Poteau; and J. C. Gormet, Pawhuska, were absent. Senate members when the house adjourned this afternoon.

No democratic caucus was held from the senate and only a short informal republican caucus was held. The fact is that it was not a caucus, but a meeting of the minds of the republican floor leader, when Joe Sherman was unseated. He did not attend the caucus. W. A. Briggs of Woodward resigned as caucus chairman and W. T. Clark of Manchester succeeded him.

Speaker George Schwabe, at the opening of the house session, said all necessary work should be finished within two weeks and by noon. Robertson, in his message to both branches, asked for a short session, saying he believed a week or 10 days should be enough time to complete necessary work.

A majority of republican members of the house were tied to their coat lapels while ribbons bearing the inscription "Wolves and Hyenas" were worn. This labeled expression was taken to mean that they resented the terms applied to them by the governor at a recent speech at the penitentiary at McAlester, but there was no visible demonstration which seemed to point the way to a prolonged session.

The governor's message follows: "By virtue of the power vested in me by the constitution, I have convened you in extraordinary session for the purpose of considering matters which are of vital importance to the people of the state and which were not cared for during the late regular session.

"It is now a matter of no concern to the people of the state why the necessary business of the state was not disposed of at the regular session. The fact is that it was not and that alone is the reason for your return, and it seems to me, that it is time for us all to quit giving excuses for the failure to properly care for the business of the state at the regular session. We should realize that a patriotic duty confronts us and that it must be promptly performed. Let bygones be bygones and let us go to work and attend strictly to the business which we were chosen by the people to look after.

That there will be honest differences of opinion on the various phases of state business, no one will deny, but we should approach this duty in a spirit of fairness and give due consideration to the views of each other and recognize that all legislation is largely the result of compromise. Unless we enter upon our work with that spirit we cannot hope for a successful conclusion.

I have every reason to believe that the members of this body have returned to the legislature imbued with this idea and I trust that no time will be lost in reorganizing and getting down to work and that the session may be brief and inexpensive.

Under the provisions of the constitution no subject can be considered in an extraordinary or special session except such as the governor may recommend for consideration, and under that provision I call your attention to the following subjects, to-wit:

Appropriations. No provision has been made by the legislature for the expenses of the executive, legislative and judicial departments of the government for the next biennium. This includes not only the expenses of the various state departments, but every other agency of the state as well. Provision must be made by you for the maintenance and support of all state schools, all penal institutions, and all other state charges.

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Wealthy Rancher Tortured By Captors When He Turns Down Demands for Money

Electric Wires Fastened to Kansan's Body and 'Juice' Turned on as He Refuses to Sign Deed to 500 Acres; Posse Led by Victim's Son Finds Him Unconscious.

INDEPENDENCE, Kan., April 25.—George S. Hight, a wealthy ranchman, near here, was found unconscious today on a highway near his home by a posse, led by his son Homer, which had been searching for him. Hight later said he had been dragged, tortured with an electric appliance and twice strung up with a rope by two men, a negro and a white, after he had refused to sign a check for \$500 and a deed for 500 acres of ranch land.

According to Hight, the bandits had three of his land abstracts which were reported stolen some time ago from the Bank of LaFontaine, a small town nearby.

Hight said that while working on a fence yesterday the car drew up and the negro drew a pistol and ordered him to get in. The men bound him, he said, and after a short drive demanded that he sign the papers. When he refused, he said, they dragged him and took him to an empty store building, where wires attached to a battery were hooked to his body and shocks administered.

He persisted in his refusal to sign, Hight said, and the men then put a rope around his neck, threw the house end over a rafter and drew him into the air twice. Later he said they took him to the spot where he was found by the posse.

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HIGH GLEE OVER DAUGHERTY LIST

Congratulations Sent by Oklahoma Democrats to Hamon Republicans

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SEPARATE PEACE DEBATE ON TODAY

Senator Knox's Resolution Is Favorably Reported by Committee

HOPE FOR QUICK VOTE

But Democrats Want 'Reasonable Time' for Discussion of Move Says Underwood

WASHINGTON, April 25.—Progress on the initial administration peace policy—to end the state of war by resolution of congress—made today in both branches of congress.

In the senate the Knox peace resolution, revised in minor detail, was reported favorably by the foreign relations committee and announced by Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, republican leader, that it would be called up tomorrow for debate.

Two similar resolutions dealing separately with Germany and Austria were introduced in the house by Chairman Porter of the foreign affairs committee, republican leader, that they would not be taken up until after the senate acts on the Knox measure.

Although the senate is to begin formal consideration tomorrow of the Knox resolution, it was not certain tonight that actual debate would start before Wednesday.

An informal conference tomorrow between Senator Underwood of Alabama, democratic leader, and minority members of the foreign relations committee, with a few other prominent democratic senators, was planned to discuss a course of procedure. Senator Underwood said he expected democratic action would be similar to that on the first Knox resolution, which was vetoed by former President Wilson. The resolution was at that time opposed by animosity of the democrats. Senator Lodge gave assurance that the Knox resolution would be a "reasonable discussion," but said he hoped for early passage of the resolution.

HAIL'S WILL INVALID

County Judge Upholds Contention of Daughter; Widow Will Receive Half of \$30,000 Estate

The contest against the will of the late John D. Hall, pioneer merchant, which was filed in county court last week by the only daughter, Mrs. Anna Ross Young of Ada, was affirmed Monday by Judge W. H. Williams, county judge. The will bequeathed most of the \$30,000 estate to the widow, but the daughter claimed that as he will was not completely dispositive it was illegal. Judge Williams upheld her contention.

Under the law the widow now receives one-half of the estate and the child the other half, provided there is only one child. Where there is more than one child the widow receives one-third and the children two-thirds of the estate.

THE WEATHER. TULSA, April 25.—Maximum 56, minimum 28; south wind, cloudy, precipitation 29. inch. OKLAHOMA, Tuesday fair, colder, except in northwest portion. Wednesday fair.

Today's Local Events. Tulsa Ad club, Hotel Tulsa, 12:30 p. m. American Legion, Municipal auditorium, 8 o'clock. P. B. N. operators' club, Y. W. C. A. 8 o'clock.

MEN SURRENDER, LOOT RECOVERED

Posse Exhausts Ammunition in Battle; Robbers Fearing Trap Give Up

ONE A PAL OF STARR

Henry 'Squealed and Double-crossed' Him, Claremore Man Tells Officers

LOCKED VICTIMS IN VAULT

But Bookkeeper Loosens a Set-screw, Escapes Quickly and Spreads the Alarm

By Associated Press State Wire. MUSKOGEE, Okla., April 25.—Three men accused of robbing the First State bank of Locust Grove, May county, Oklahoma, early this afternoon were captured tonight after a pitched battle with a sheriff's posse in the woods near that town. All of the money stolen, \$2,200 in silver and currency, and \$2,750 in Liberty bonds, was recovered.

Two of the men, Rush Woods of Tahlequah and Charley Brackett of Claremore, Okla., surrendered to the posse late this afternoon. The third, H. E. Hays of Stillwell, Okla., dashed for the hills, where he was later surrounded. Toward midnight he also gave himself up.

Posse Exhausts Ammunition. Many shots were exchanged between the bandits and the posse, which at the time Hays surrendered numbered more than a score. The posse had practically exhausted its ammunition but the prisoners said tonight that they believed the posse-men had merely exhausted their own ammunition. Woods was wounded in the nose and arm and Brackett has a bullet in his shoulder.

Brackett confessed that he was with Starr at the time of the Hays robbery. He was arrested by a posse led by E. A. Church, a justice of the peace at Locust Grove. Mr. Church said tonight.

"Starr double-crossed me, he squealed," Church quoted Brackett as declaring. "But it's all right, I'm going to plead guilty and I'm going to be tried in Oklahoma instead of Arkansas."

The three men were taken to prison, county seat of May county, tonight.

Hays, who is about 27 years old, is a son of Hugh Hays of Stillwell. Woods, the officers say, is under bond for other bank robberies.

Bank Employees Escape Safe. The three men entered the Locust Grove bank about 1:30 o'clock this afternoon and commanded M. K. Hatfield and Gertrude Sugars, bookkeepers, and the only two people in the bank, to hold up their hands. The men then marched the two into the vault and locked the door.

Hatfield loosened a set-screw on the vault lock and released himself. A posse immediately took up the pursuit. "Three miles from town the bandits set fire to the automobile in which they had attempted to escape and dashed for the woods. The posse surrounded the men and opened fire. Brackett, officers say, dropped a satchel in which the silver and currency were found.

The officers picked up the canvas bag dropped by the bandits in which they had been carrying the money, the officers recovered the loot and also found a lunch which the robbers were carrying with them. This lunch consisted of two loaves of bread, some bacon and coffee. After the bandits were captured, the officers searched the vault and found a locked vault. For almost the past year the employees have been drilling, day after day, two being locked in the vault each day and left to get out with the assistance of screw drivers, canles and matches.

The year had almost gone by and the employees had about given up all hopes of ever getting out. CONTINUED ON PAGE THREE

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